

RAILWAY NEWS.

Abundant Rumors Concerning the Bee Line—Reasons Why the Vandals Will Remain in the St. Louis Pool.

The annual meeting of brokers will be largely attended this year.

Passenger business to points in Michigan on the Air Line is increasing.

I. and St. L. switch engine No. 312 has been sent to the Matton shops for repairs.

The bridge over the Embarras River on the Wabash, in Crawford County, has been completed.

The Cairo and Vincennes division of the Wabash will be turned over to the stockholders to-day.

A roadmaster attributes the rapid wearing out of rails to the fact that engines and cars, both passenger and freight, are being built much heavier than in days of yore.

When the new line between Washington and Worthington is completed President Mackey says the T. H. and S. E. will be ready to handle a greatly increased business.

The Big Four people say that the new traffic agreement to be formed between the C. I. St. L. and C. and L. B. and W. will be much more satisfactory than that now in existence.

General freight agents are of the belief that the railroads will realize considerable profit from the crop this year, notwithstanding the waste which are going up in the West about poor crops.

The Railroad Building and Loan Association has been organized with Colonel D. T. Whitcomb, President; I. P. Boyer, Vice President; George New, Secretary, and Thomas Taggart, Treasurer.

An absurd rumor was afloat yesterday that the Bee Line was in danger of passing into the hands of a receiver. It is learned from the most reliable sources that this rumor has not the slightest foundation in fact. The affairs of the Bee Line are in better shape than ever before. The Bee Line folks, after placing the I. and St. L. in splendid condition at a cost of nearly \$2,000,000, had considerable surplus in the treasury. The Bee Line in the meantime had been paying fixed charges, and no debts have therefore accumulated. Another rumor concerning the Bee Line is abroad in the land. It is to the effect that the General Freight Agency of the I. and St. L. is to be abolished, and Mr. Gays, the incumbent of this office, transferred to Cleveland, where he will be given employment in the office of General Traffic Manager Spurrier.

It is generally believed that the Vandalia has given up all thoughts of withdrawing from the St. Louis pool. It is a well known fact that this road is far ahead in the pool. The balance against it is mounted up to the tens of thousands. This excess of tonnage, its competitors insinuate, was not obtained by strict maintenance of rates. It is true, however, that at some seasons of the year east-bound business is particularly good with certain lines, and at other seasons other lines rejoice in an excess of east-bound freight. This may in part account for the Vandalia's forwardness. Nevertheless the Vandalia is far ahead, and it is not probable that it will be able to make up much of this difference between the present day and May 3, when its letter of withdrawal takes effect, even though it should remain out of the market altogether. When May 3 arrives therefore it will have a large balance to pay over. That it will pay this over there is little reason to doubt, since a failure to do so would forever put a stop to pooling in St. Louis. If it remains in the pool it can during the month of May redeem the large balance against it; if it withdraws it has cut itself out from this recourse. Under the circumstances it is not believed that the Vandalia will withdraw.

COURT-HOUSE LOCALS.

Notes From the City Court—The County Courts.

The East Washington Street Building and Loan Association filed articles for record yesterday. Stock, \$100,000.

Judge Norton heard part of the evidence in the case of Link Reed, charged with the theft of some clothing, and continued it to to-day.

F. L. Ritzinger et al. took judgment yesterday in Judge Taylor's Court on a note and mortgage against William A. Niehamer et al. for \$1,472.38.

Judge Taylor yesterday granted Jennie Roberts a divorce from James Roberts on proof of adultery. She was also given the custody of the child.

The suit of Mary Duffy vs. Thomas Gray et al. for damages is on trial by jury in Room 2. This is a suit to recover possession of personal property.

Coburn & Jones have sued Chanancy Butler, surviving partner of Richards & Butler, on a note for \$1,345.17, on which \$150 has been paid. Demand is made for \$2,000.

John Colton, charged with the theft of two rings from his aunt, pleaded guilty before the Mayor, and went over for Grand Jury attention. Sam Coleman, charged with assault and battery on Annie Robinson and stealing some clothes, pleaded guilty to the former and waived examination of the latter charge.

LOCAL COURTS.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Jennie Roberts vs. James Roberts, Divorce. Granted, and custody of children until further order of Court. Adultery.

Frank L. Ritzinger et al. vs. William A. Niehamer et al. Foreclosure of mortgage. Judgment for \$1,472.38, and mortgage foreclosed.

Robert Fickens et al. vs. James G. Donnell et al. Suit on note. On trial by Court.

Room 2—Hon. D. W. Howe, Judge.

Mary Duffy vs. Thomas Gray et al. Damages. On trial by jury.

Room 2—Hon. Lewis C. Walker, Judge.

Mary D. Winter vs. George W. Wagner. Certificate of sale. On trial by jury.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Hon. Pierce Horton, Judge.

State vs. Link Reed. Petit larceny. On trial by the Court.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Hon. A. C. Ayres, Judge.

Mary Snyder, administratrix vs. William N. Wolf. Possession. On trial by the Court.

Martha A. Elliott vs. George B. Elliott et al. Report of commissioners confirmed.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Dr. Jeffrey will complete his engagement as instructor of the Sunday-school Teachers' Institute at this afternoon's session. Rev.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Answers Some Questions Submitted by Superintendent Fletcher and President Smith.

The Attorney General has rendered a decision on the following questions, submitted by Dr. W. B. Fletcher, of the Insane Hospital:

"Can the Central Bank Road Company charge any officer, person or teams connected with the public saylms of this State, and the business thereof, any fee or toll?"

The Attorney General answers that, if the road company has at any time accepted the benefit of the provisions of the act regulating said road, then it can not charge and collect said fee, but he does not possess the necessary information to advise the Superintendent upon the subject. During the first at the hospital two persons were not permitted to remove their clothing from the room, and it was destroyed. In answer to the question as to whether the State should pay for the loss, the Attorney General answers that the State does not insure accident or loss by fire, and is not liable in any legal sense for damages.

The Attorney General also decides that the Superintendent can not take possession of the Central Bank Road Company's property, and that the expiration of the present lease, the Auditor having rented it under the old law.

In answer to a question submitted by Hon. Ben L. Smith, President of the Board of Trustees of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, the Attorney General decides that the appointment of steward, surgeon and teachers is vested exclusively in the Superintendent, and the confirmation or rejection of such appointments remains with the Board of Trustees.

The Supreme Court.

The following cases were decided in the Supreme Court yesterday:

11,380 Mary A. Foster vs. Matthew Hartman. Married S. C. Affirmed. Niblack, J.

11,381 Edward Over vs. Albert Schilling. Married S. C. Affirmed. Elliott, J.

12,245 George Myers vs. State of Indiana. Gitsen C. C. Affirmed. Zolli, J.

MAINTAINING THE PRESIDENT.

Minutemen Reducing the Work of Filling Offices to Business Principles.

Washington Special.

While the whole country is talking about civil service reform and President Cleveland is moving slowly in making appointments, there are two men in Minnesota who propose to take a short cut at results and reduce the work of filling the offices to business principles. They have accordingly published an advertisement which is a political curiosity.

Copies have been sent to the heads of the departments and to the President. It reads as follows:

To all whom it may concern:

In order to expedite applications for office certain formalities should be observed, and applicants will find their cases by observing the following:

The chief point to be considered is that the candidate must be well informed by the leading Democrats in his locality, and the candidate's character must be satisfactory to the people with whom he will be brought in contact, and he must also be qualified to fill the position for which he is applying.

His papers should be formally drawn and signed by the member of the State Central Committee from his judicial district, as well as the Democratic Central Committee of his district at the election. The paper thus endorsed should be forwarded to the Hon. M. D. Moran, Chairman of the State Central Committee, or the Hon. H. Kelly, member of the National Committee at St. Paul.

H. Kelly, member Democratic National Committee.

Kelly figured at Chicago as an original Cleveland man, and was through his influence with the delegation went to Cleveland at the right time. He has been in Washington, looking after patronage.

The best evidence that brokerage in offices here is not broken up under the new civil service reform era is found in the newspaper advertisements. The following appeared in one of yesterday's papers:

I will give \$500 for a position in any branch of the Government service that will evade the civil service.

A man who has passed a civil service examination will pay one-third salary while employed for a position under Government.

A gentleman with good endorsements will give \$200 in cash for a position in one of the departments, paying \$700 to \$900 per year.

There are good reasons for believing that such advertisements often succeed in getting the places they seek. They will continue to succeed until many jobs who are retained in the departments under the Eaton system are turned out and honest men are put in their places.

How Lincoln Heard "Dixie."

(Philadelphia Times.)

It is easy for me to recall an instance only a night or two before Mr. Lincoln was assassinated. The President had returned from Richmond, and a crowd called with a band to tender congratulations and a serenade. The man who was so soon to be the victim of the assassin's bullet appeared in response to calls, and thanked the audience for the compliment. Several members of his Cabinet surrounded him, and it was a very interesting and dramatic occasion.

Just as he was closing his brief remarks Mr. Lincoln said "I should like to have a band with you. I should like to hear it play 'Dixie.' I have consulted the Attorney General, who is here by my side, and he is of the opinion that Dixie belongs to us. Now play it."

The band struck up the old tune, and played it as I have never before or since heard it rendered. As the strains of the music rang out upon the air cheer after cheer went up from the throats of the hundreds of happy men who called to congratulate Mr. Lincoln upon the return of peace.

A Famous Vermont Town.

(Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.)

In the town of Middlebury, Vt., which Cleveland appears determined to make famous, the total Democratic vote in the old days of Slade and Phelps was five, in a population of 2,500. Edward Phelps and William Slade were two of the five.

Knock the Bottom Out.

(Philadelphia Press.)

Strawberries are coming down a little. The bottoms of the boxes are, nevertheless, as high as ever.

Be Prepared.

There is hardly a family in which accidents of some kind are not of frequent occurrence, and to give immediate and sure relief from the consequent pain, every household should have Pond's Extract at hand. Its wonderful healing power for all kinds of cuts, bruises, swellings, sprains, soreness, pains, aches, etc., has been satisfactorily attested by numerous testimonials during the last forty years. It will be found invaluable, especially when medical aid can not be quickly obtained. Go to your drugist and ask for Pond's Extract. Take no substitute, but have the genuine article.

DAN O'CONNELL'S DUEL.

A Controversy as to the Conduct of the Liberator.

New York, April 20.—The Telegram prints the following cablegram:

London, April 20.—Mr. Yates, in his "Reminiscences," alludes to Dan O'Connell, the youngest son of the liberator, who still lives here in green old age. He is a wonderful old fellow, full of fire yet, but he seldom makes himself heard. Later, Earl Malmesbury's "Memoirs of an ex-minister" recalls Dan, who appears to-day in letters defending the name of his brother. The Earl in his book gives an account of a duel between Lord Alvanley and Morgan, comments rather slightly upon the latter firing his first shot before the signal, and states that at the second exchange of shots Morgan jumped back, greatly startled. This imputation upon his brother's manhood roused all O'Connell's ire. Immediately he addressed a long note to Lord Malmesbury, pointing out his account as unjust and untrue, and in contradiction with the accounts of the seconds of both parties, published in the Times in 1835. He backs up his statement with a quotation from Alvanley's second to show that the first fire was the result of a mistake in understanding as to the signal, and that the latter firing himself, and he republishes the full account of both seconds to prove the injustice of the charge that his brother was startled.

O'Connell concludes his letter to Malmesbury thus: "You will perceive that in neither account is there a word to the effect that my brother jumped back. On the contrary both accounts agree that he insisted on the exchange of the first shot (putting aside the question of the first shot fired by him) though Lord Alvanley was satisfied with one shot. I refer to the first shot fired by my brother, you will see that Colonel Hodges says the signal was actually given and that in addition it was agreed unanimously that Colonel Damer should not be entrusted with the duty of giving the signal a second time. This certainly looks as if the mistake which your Lordship thought my brother had committed was not a blunder of the part of his lordship's second."

Malmesbury's reply was brief, thanking O'Connell for his correction, and declaring that his own account was copied from a diary written at the time of the duel from hearsay, not from personal knowledge. He does not, however, say anything derogatory to the courage or character of the combatants in his publication. He certainly had no such intention with regard to Morgan O'Connell.

Mr. O'Connell closes the correspondence by cordially maintaining that the Earl's statement that his brother jumped back, startled, seemed likely to be taken as an imputation upon his courage; but as such imputation has been disclaimed by his Lordship, while accepting the account of the seconds as the true one in fact, in justice to all parties he must publish the whole correspondence.

WILL HE TAKE TURKEY?

Hon. S. S. Cox Says He May Not Practice Diplomacy on the Bosphorus.

(Washington Special.)

"When will you sail for Turkey?" a reporter asked of Hon. S. S. Cox this morning. "I may not sail at all," replied Mr. Cox. "I haven't qualified as yet. I haven't even resigned my seat in Congress. Some of my friends are opposed to my accepting the mission, and I believe Mr. Cox is in league with them. Would it be considered much of a joke, do you think, if I were to decline the place?"

The reporter couldn't say. Mr. Cox is a great joker, but if he declines the Turkish mission and remains at home, it will not be for the purpose of perpetrating a joke on the country, but with a view of making the race for Governor of New York this fall. Many of his friends think it the opportunity of his lifetime.

Van Zandt's Mistake.

"Do tell me about the Van Zandt trouble," said a representative of the San Francisco Chronicle to a gentleman just from Paris.

"It is hard to explain the impetuous temper of the Parisian public. Demonstrations that would seem terrible here are merely natural expressions of feeling over there. Perhaps the Parisians have been unkind to Van Zandt, since, after all, she is a woman, but looking at it in another way, you can not blame them. They were kind to her a long time, patient with all her caprices, but finally, when she deliberately insulted the public, the public repented it."

"She did. At least so they affirm in Paris. The opera, I believe, was 'The Barber of Seville,' and it was plain to the audience from the first that Mlle. Van Zandt had enjoyed a very good dinner—a regular French dinner, they say. She can not speak from observation, but in Paris every one says that Rosina merely misunderstood her role."

"How so?"

"Why, you remember in 'The Barber' the Count Almaviva returns to Rosina's house apparently in a state of high intoxication. They say in Paris that Van Zandt thought she had to play Almaviva, and went to considerable expense to prepare for the part so much so that the real Almaviva was frozen with horror and forgot to be tidy at the time."

"Will she ever make peace with the Parisians?"

"It is not likely. The public there are either all for you or all against you. There is no halfway about it. She thought they would forgive anything, but if she had understood Parisians better she would have tried it. They believe she has insulted them, reflecting discredit upon herself, her profession and the public dignity. This is with the Parisians a matter of conviction, and her case must be hopeless."

Reading's Mission.

(Washington Critic.)

The opinion prevails that the President will rely implicitly upon Secretary Manning's recommendations, in reference to all New York appointments, and that he has assigned to him the delicate task of arranging a slate which will be consistent with the principles laid down by the President, and yet one which will contribute to Democratic success in the coming State elections.

Secretary Manning's conferences with Mr. Tilden and the representatives of the New York factions are supposed to have related to this subject, and it is hinted by some of Mr. Manning's friends that he has fully made up his mind. Delegates from Tammany, the County Democracy and other New York organizations are expected here within a few days and will devote their attention more strictly to Secretary Manning's office than to the White House.

She Can Afford It.

(St. Louis Post Dispatch.)

The ladies have observed that Miss Cleveland has not appeared twice in the same dress since she has been doing the honors of the White House. As her brother has no other female relative to spend the big salary on there is really no reason for expecting any Jeffersonian simplicity from the feminine branch of the administration.

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